

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 43.

The primary purpose of this bill is to facilitate the construction of a new stadium through the partnership of the City of Santa Clara and the San Francisco 49ers professional football team. This project would provide a much-needed economic boost to the region, not just through its construction, but also through its use over the coming years.

However, I am concerned that the bill includes language that would make the Department of Transportation responsible for the performance of services related to the project, without ensuring the State is compensated for the work. As a result, this bill may require the State to take on an unknown, and quite possibly substantial, financial commitment. Additionally, while it is to be expected that the project sponsors would pay for the actual construction costs associated with identified needed improvements to the State Highway System, the bill is silent on the issue.

I am signing this bill but request that the project sponsors work to identify the transportation system impacts, related costs for improvements and mitigation, and the extent of involvement of State forces, and enter into a legally-binding agreement with the Department of Transportation to work closely with the project sponsors, so that the economic benefits of this project may be realized.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger